

Preliminary accountability of the 2000 return of Columbia River fall chinook and general outlook for 2001

The table below compares preliminary accountability (in thousands) of 2000 returns of the five major stocks of Columbia River fall chinook with the pre-season forecasts. Additionally, a general outlook of abundance for all Columbia River stocks in 2001 is presented for use in early discussions pertaining to 2001 fishery management.

The 2000 preliminary returns and 2001 outlooks presented here should be regarded as very preliminary as they are derived from partial or incomplete data. In-depth analysis has commenced and a more precise forecast will be available February 9.

<i>Columbia River Fall Chinook Returns</i>					
<u>Stock</u>	2001 December Outlook 1/	<u>2000 Preliminary Return 2/</u>	2000 Preseason <u>Forecast 3/</u>	2000 February <u>Forecast 4/</u>	2000 December <u>Outlook</u>
LRH	90	16.5	26.4	23.7	25
LRW	15	11.4	2.7	3.5	5
BPH	55	19.6	26.9	21.9	40
URB	165	152.5	208.2	171.1	155
MCB	75	39.7	61.6	50.6	55
Total	400	239.7	231.5	270.8	280

1/ Preliminary forecast assuming "normal" ocean harvest rates.

2/ Actual return to the Columbia River.

3/ April forecast - adjusted for adopted PFMC and expected Canadian ocean harvest rates.

4/ Forecast assuming "normal" ocean harvest rates.

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